

## TERROR THREAT Lanka deploys troops in surf hotspot after US warning

AFP, Colombo  
Sri Lanka deployed troops and increased police patrols around a Jewish community centre in a popular surfing town yesterday after the US embassy warned its citizens of a possible attack there. The stepped up security and warning came after social media posts called for a boycott of Israeli-owned businesses in eastern Arugam Bay. "The information was that a place called 'Chabad House' run by Israelis could be a target and we have taken measures to strengthen security," said police spokesman Nihal Thaldewa.

## Pakistan selects top judge under new process

REUTERS, Islamabad  
Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari yesterday approved the selection of the next chief justice, who was chosen through a new process that the government's opponents say is designed to undermine judicial independence. Justice Yahya Afridi, the third most senior judge after the outgoing chief justice, was picked by a parliamentary panel following a constitutional amendment that changed the way the top judge is appointed, officials said.

# China, India agree to resolve differences

REUTERS, New Delhi/Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi agreed yesterday to boost communication and cooperation between their countries and resolve conflicts to help improve ties that were damaged by a deadly military clash in 2020.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Russia for their first formal talks in five years, signalling that ties between the Asian giants have begun to recover from the diplomatic rift caused by the clash along their disputed Himalayan frontier.

India and China, two of the world's biggest economies, have maintained strong trade ties despite the military and diplomatic tensions. The rapprochement is expected to boost Chinese investment in India.

India said the two leaders have directed their officials to take further steps to stabilise all aspects of bilateral ties.

The Xi-Modi meeting in the city of Kazan came two days after New Delhi said it had reached a deal with Beijing to resolve the four-year military stand-off in the Himalayan region of Ladakh, although neither side has shared details of the pact.

The two sides should strengthen



Chinese President Xi Jinping and India Prime Minister Narendra Modi meet on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

- Xi and Modi hold first formal talks in five years
- Two leaders meet on the sidelines of the BRICS summit
- Comes after deal to resolve stand-off over disputed frontier
- Talks expected to result in more Chinese investment into India

communication and cooperation, resolve conflicts and differences, and realize each other's development dreams, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV reported Xi as telling Modi.

In response, Modi told Xi that peace, stability, mutual trust and respect were crucial

for relations.

"We welcome the agreement on the issues that had come up over the last four years," Modi told Xi in comments aired on India's state broadcaster Doordarshan.

"It should be our priority to maintain peace and tranquillity on the border. Mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual sensitivity should be the basis of our relationship," Modi said.

### PATH TO IMPROVING TIES

Relations between the world's two most populous nations - both nuclear powers - have been strained since a clash between their troops on the largely undemarcated frontier in the western Himalayas left 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers dead in 2020.

The neighbours have added tens of thousands of troops and weapons along the icy frontier over the last four years.

Modi and Xi had not held formal bilateral talks since then, although both participated in multilateral events. Their last bilateral summit talks were held in October 2019 in the southern Indian town of Mamallapuram.

The two spoke briefly on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Bali in November 2022. They spoke again on the sidelines of the BRICS

summit in Johannesburg in August 2023 but released different versions of the conversation, suggesting they didn't see eye to eye.

Xi skipped the G20 summit hosted by New Delhi the following month, a decision seen as another setback to relations.

Diplomatic efforts gained momentum in recent months after the two countries' foreign ministers met in July and agreed to step up talks to ease the border tensions.

India had made improving the wider political and damaged business ties contingent upon finding a solution to the border stand-off.

New Delhi had increased the scrutiny of investments coming from China, blocked direct flights between the two countries and had practically barred issuing any visas to Chinese nationals since the Ladakh clashes.

Speaking in Kazan, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said there was hope for better India-China relations.

"As we have maintained during the last four years, the restoration of peace and tranquillity on the border areas will create space for ... normalisation of our bilateral relations."

## Thousands of N Korea troops in Russia: US

AFP, Washington

Thousands of North Korean soldiers are in Russia for training, but their ultimate mission is unclear, a senior US official said yesterday, confirming warnings from South Korea.

Seoul's spy agency has said Pyongyang deployed troops to aid its Russian ally, which is locked in a grinding war against Ukraine, and that the number of these forces has now doubled to 3,000.

"We know that thousands of DPRK troops are in Russia to be trained. We don't know what their mission will be or if they'll go on to fight in Ukraine," the senior US official said, using an abbreviation for North Korea's formal name.

"Russia is suffering extraordinary casualties on the battlefield every day. If Russia needs to turn to DPRK for manpower, that's a sign of desperation - not strength - on the part of the Kremlin," the official said.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin had earlier provided the first confirmation from a US official of a North Korean deployment to Russia, but likewise said it was not known why the troops are there.

## Myanmar armed group takes over rare earth mining hub

REUTERS

An armed group fighting Myanmar's ruling military said it has taken control of a mining hub that is a major supplier of rare earth oxides to China, likely disrupting shipments of elements used in clean energy and other technologies.

Rare earth mining in Myanmar is concentrated in Kachin state around the towns of Panwa and Chipwe, adjacent to southwestern China's Yunnan province.

The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) took control of Panwa on Oct. 19, spokesperson Colonel Naw Bu told Reuters on Tuesday. It had previously captured Chipwe, according to local Myanmar media. Reuters was not able to independently verify the status of both towns.

The KIA is focused on managing the town of Panwa and has no current plans for rare earths or other economic issues, Naw Bu said.

He did not respond when asked whether the KIA is open to working with China on rare earths.

## BNP wary of constitutional vacuum

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"We are worried that the interim government might find itself in a precarious situation, potentially allowing a third party to take advantage," said a senior leader of the BNP, wishing not to be named.

The controversy arose after Manab Zamin's Editor-in-Chief Matiur Rahman Chowdhury met President Mohammed Shahabuddin, and the daily's political magazine Janatar Chokh on Sunday ran their conversation where the president claimed he did not have a copy of the prime minister's resignation.

This claim runs contrary to what the president had said in his address to the nation after the fall of Awami League government in the face of a mass uprising. In his August 5 speech, he said the prime minister had tendered her resignation.

BNP senior leaders said they suspect a move is afoot to remove the president and it may create a constitutional vacuum.

The party believes any constitutional crisis

regarding the issue should be avoided at this moment, the senior leaders said.

The senior BNP leaders held a virtual meeting on Tuesday night and decided to make the party's position clear to the interim government.

Accordingly, a three-member delegation went to meet the chief adviser yesterday. There, the BNP spoke of its stance on the issue of call for the president's resignation, said party sources.

At the party forum on Tuesday, BNP leaders discussed elaborately how things unfolded in the last few days.

They said the question over the former PM's resignation letter; then the demand for the president's resignation; and laying siege to the Bangabhaban are suspicions and there may be a conspiracy behind these.

Three senior leaders wishing not to be named told The Daily Star that they wonder whether this sudden move is an attempt to extend the term of the interim government.

They said the country's constitution was not suspended after the change of government following the uprising. The president administered oath to the members of the interim government. So, they argued, there is no question of going beyond the constitution now.

They said they are trying to figure why the president claimed he did not have the resignation letter of Hasina. "Almost all the senior leaders agree that removing the president won't be the right thing to do now," one of the standing committee members said.

After yesterday's meeting, Nazrul Islam Khan, a member of the BNP standing committee, said his party's delegation had urged the government to make sure that it does not give rise to a constitutional vacuum or crisis.

Salahuddin Ahmed, another standing committee member, said the president's is a constitutional post, and a sudden resignation will lead to a crisis.

## No doubt

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constitution nor human rights have been respected. Instead, a tyrannical and fascist regime was established.

"Our interim government was formed through a revolution. Our responsibility is not just to oversee an election, but to implement essential reforms that reflect the people's demands and the spirit of the movements. We didn't fight just to replace Sheikh Hasina with Dr Yunus. Our goal was a complete overhaul of the system."

Regarding Hasina's resignation, Nahid said, "The former prime minister has been ousted. Whether she submits a resignation letter or not is irrelevant."

Addressing the event, Zahed Ur Rahman, writer and political analyst, said, "Calling the Awami League fascist can be seen as a compliment, just as it was with Mussolini. What the Awami League has done over the last 16 years is much more severe than fascism."

Akhtar Hossen, member secretary of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee, and Arif Sohel, member secretary of the Anti Discrimination Student Movement, also spoke at the event, moderated by Mushfiq Us Salehin, former president of the Jahangirnagar Cultural Alliance.

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